

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

ABSTRACT

Public Services - Forest Department – V&E case - Neeru Meeru - Disciplinary cases against Sri N.D. Samuel, Deputy Range Officer (Retd) formerly Ipur Section of Vinukonda Range of Guntur Division - Provisional decision to impose a penalty of "15% cut in pension permanently, besides the recovery of the excess of expenditure of Rs.29,444/- from his pensionary benefits" – Show-cause-notice issued – Accepted the punishment – Final orders - Issued.

ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (SEC.IV) DEPARTMENT

G.O.MS.No. 14

Dated: 05-02-2015

Read the following:

- 1) From the D.G. & Ex-Officio Prl. Secretary to Govt., G.A.(V&E) Dept., Vigilance Report No.141, dt:12-9-05.
- 2) Govt.Memo.No.8426/For.IV/2005-1, dt:16-11-2005.
- 3) From the PCCF Rc.No.53458/2005/PXA1, dt:16-2-2006 & 24-6-2006.
- 4) G.O.Ms.No.121, EFS&T(For.IV) Dept., dt:20-10-2007.
- 5) From the PCCF Ref.No.27432/2008/K3, dt:26-4-2009 & 17-2-2011
- 6) Govt.Memo.No.8426/For.IV/A1/2005, dt:15-12-2012.
- 7) From the PCCF Ref.No.27432/2008/K3, dt:12-4-2013
- 8) Govt. Memo No.8426/For.IV/A1/2005-4,dt:17.01.2014
- 9) From the Prl.CCF Lr.Rc.No. 27432/2008/K3(i),dt:28.05.2014.
- 10) Govt. Lr. No. 8426/For.IV/A1/2005, dt. 14.10.2014.
- 11) From the Secretary, APPSC, Lr. No. 1370/RT/3/2014, dt.19.12.2014.

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ORDER:

In the reference 1st read above, the Director General, V&E Department, while furnishing the detailed report on the works taken up under Neeru Meeru Programmed by the Forest Department in Vinukonda Range in Guntur Division has recommended to initiate disciplinary action against the forest subordinates for the irregularities committed by them.

2. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, A.P., Hyderabad in the reference 5th read above, has informed that, disciplinary action has been initiated against Sri N.D. Samuel, Dy. Range officer formerly Ipur Section of Vinukonda Range of Guntur division and an Article of Charge was issued under Rule 20 of A.P. Civil Services (CCA) Rules 1991 vide CF, Guntur Rc.No.937/2006/M3, dt. 15-06-2006 on the following count.

"Gross neglect of duty in booking of excess expenditure to a tune of Rs. 29,444/- on inadmissible items while execution of soil and moisture conservation works during the year 2002-03 to 2003-04".

3. The Charged Officer has submitted his explanation dt.8-6-2007 to the Article of Charge. Not satisfied with the explanation of the charged officer, the Divisional Forest Officer, Guntur and the Forest Range Officer, Vinukonda were appointed as Inquiry Officer and Presenting Officer respectively to inquire into the charges framed against the charged along with others.

4. After conducting the inquiry, the Inquiry officer has submitted his findings concluding that the rates sanctioned in the estimates are the highest admissible and the Charged Officer who is executing the work should exercise full economy in the execution of work. The Charged Officer cannot straightway adopt the higher rates sanctioned in the estimates. Therefore the Charged Officer is responsible for the excess expenditure to a tune of Rs.29,444/- on inadmissible items, hence the charge is proved against him. The findings of the Inquiry Officer were communicated to the charged officer and obtained further defense statement.

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5. The Charged Officer has retired from service on attaining the age of superannuation on the A.N. of 31-5-2010. Hence, the disciplinary proceedings are continued under Rule 9 (2) of APRP Rules, 1980.

6. After careful examination of the matter with reference to the findings of the Commissioner of Inquires, remarks of the Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests and material made available, Government have provisionally decided to impose a penalty of 15% cut in pension permanently, besides recovery of the excess expenditure of Rs.29,444/- from the pensionary benefits of Sri N.D. Samuel, Forest Range Officer (Retd), formerly Deputy Range Officer, Ipur Section of Vinukonda Range of Guntur Division, under Rule 9 of APRP Rules, 1980.

7. Accordingly, a Show-Cause-Notice was issued to the Charged Officer vide reference 8th read above, and the Charged officer in his further defense statement dt:12.03.2014 has not put forth any new points. The concurrence of Andhra Pradesh Public Service Commission has been obtained vide reference 11th read above.

8. Government, after careful examination of the matter hereby order to impose the penalty of 15% cut in pension permanently, besides the recovery of the excess of expenditure of Rs.29,444/-" from the pensionary benefits of the charged officer Sri N.D. Samuel, Deputy Range Officer (Retd) formerly Ipur Section of Vinukonda Range of Guntur Division, under rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

9. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, A.P. Hyderabad is requested to take action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR ANDHRA PRADESH)

AJEYA KALLAM
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad.
The Individual (through Principal Chief Conservator of Forests).

Copy to:
The Accountant General (A&E) A.P., Hyderabad.
The Director of Treasuries & Accounts, Hyderabad, A.P.
The Secretary(FAC), A.P. Public Service Commission, Hyderabad(with ref. to
Lr. No. 1370/RT/3/2014, Dt:19.12.2014)
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SECTION OFFICER